

Attachment 8

Alternative Futures MetroQuest Comments Summary

Climate

Priorities (Screen 2)

Disproportionate Impacts	Those with the most resources will make \$\$ off of others' misery.
Suggest another item for future consideration	Native species extinction
Reduced Water Quality	This option and the storm damages option are somehow a bit too similar.
Health Impacts	I think this explanation is greatly lacking in the potential health impacts.
Crop Failure	not much else matters if ya can't eat.
Power Blackouts	You're tying every type of problem to climate? That's a hasty generalization. I'm concerned about these, but they won't be primarily affected by the climate.
Suggest another item for future consideration	Ecosystem destabilization and loss of native wildlife
Suggest another item for future consideration	Impact on Wildlife
Suggest another item for future consideration	Survival of other species
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Reduced Water Quality	I'm concerned about the health of the Chicago River and Lake Michigan, since we release sewage into them with intense storms
Health Impacts	Are there pests, such as particular species of mosquitoes, that are supposed to get worse?
Suggest another item for future consideration	none of these hysterical outcomes will happen
Reduced Water Quality	I am concerned about changes in the floodplains, the impact on housing and industrial uses

Impacts (Screen 3)

When should investments be made to address flooding?

Other	All of the above
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Other	Displacement and health impacts due to water, air, and soil quality. Extreme weather events.
Other	Increased cost of electricity
Other	Increased costs of living due to all of above
Other	there is very low probability of any of this happening

Walkable Communities

Priorities (Screen 2)

Transit	More frequent service will lead to easier and faster connections. We need to start connecting the city by rail instead of concentrating on everything going downtown. The Circle Line is a good place to begin.
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Transit	All of these are important, but in my day-to-day life, having to wait for an hour to catch a PACE bus is demoralizing.
Neighborhood Types	Would have picked a medium density suburban option if available
Transit	Personalization of routes through opportunities like Personal Rapid Transit will increase levels of convenience to the user
Neighborhood Types	I live in W. Rogers Park, Chicago, My house is on a block that looks like "High-Density Suburb", but my main street - only one block away - looks like "Urban".
Neighborhood Types	None of the featured. I would live in a medium to high density suburb but the image of the high density suburb here is not appealing
Neighborhood Types	Low-density suburbs are a drain on regional resources and any future growth in them should be limited. Encourage more urban neighborhood/high-density suburban living with good public transit access, such as Cicero.
Transit	I wouldn't want to live in a neighborhood where the transit can be super noisy like the L can be.
Neighborhood Types	Certainly there's types of each that aren't walkable. And this selection seems to illustrate a false dichotomy. What about medium-density, mixed-use places, with smaller lot sizes that allow residents rather than large businesses to occupy space in their towns? This is the type of city which has traditionally developed all over the world. Is our modern conception of what a place should be even sustainable?
Neighborhood Types	Geared to SNR along w youth living.

Impacts & Strategies (Screen 3)

Other	All requirements for building zoning gotten prior
Other	Annual Community Forums on Housing Security.
Other	community engagement on needs

Other	community input
Other	Financial support to provide match to IDOT roads
Other	Partnering with technical experts
Other	Plant more trees and expand sidewalks
Other	provide case studies successful funding models
Other	Using products and services that extend the budget
Other	vastly increase Section 8 vouchers

Innovative Transportation

Future Effects (Screen 2)

Challenges	Lack of Density
Benefits	There exist highway capable electric cars which, like motored and pedalled cycles, is a better design to fit existing road width.
Challenges	If current car width design prevails over single-width design, congestion will increase.
Challenges	Not just costs for new infrastructure, but the loss of revenue for and attention to public transportation service and infrastructure as transport is consolidated by large corporations like Uber and Google.
Benefits	I do not believe automated personal cars will benefit the community.
Benefits	This is retarded. The options are like would you rather live, not die, or survive? Picking one to the exclusion of the others is daft.
Challenges	All of the above!!!
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Benefits	all of them
Benefits	The impact of our decisions will have an effect on our air quality.
Challenges	Small towns are dieing. More jobs and growth need to go to rural areas, not the big cities.
Benefits	I'd really like to see the city develop an innovative approach to the public bus system, with interconnected buses, adaptable routes, and pre-paid boarding. As autonomous vehicles become more prevalent, the city/region should regulate personal car ownership and move to a more public, shared model. The outcome I would not like to see is a possible increase in private car ownership and road congestion, and the potential privatization of the public transit system by autonomous vehicle tech companies such as Google or Uber. I fear we are headed to the mass privatization of public transit and an over-reliance on self-driving cars. Not immediately, but slowly, and perhaps by 2050.
Neighborhood types	The region should set growth limits to reduce sprawl. Encourage agricultural zones and prohibit future development in those zones. Reduce parking requirements and minimum lot sizes and encourage more compact developments, including smaller single-family homes. In the City of Chicago, levy large fees to developments that reduce density, such as the de-conversion of a 3-flat to a single-family home.
Challenges	See previous comments on Neighborhood types. The region should set growth boundaries that must not be broken until a certain density is reached, similar to a model in Switzerland.

Benefits	I like all of these answers.
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Constrained Resources

Future Effects (Screen 2)

Suggest another item for future consideration	Services such as grocery stores, clinics, laundromats, firestations.....
Economy	Without at least a medium strong economy, the endeavor will fail if not stagnate. There must be a concerted effort to make each business find it resources in the region and export across the state borders as a primary market and intrastate as secondary. Third outside the US.
Economy	Business and wealth creates demand in the city for goods. Can't do anything with no money.
Transportation	Necessary to get goods to people as well as get people around.
Housing	Affordable and safe housing is a must. If there is nothing affordable for the middle and lower class people will not want to live in that area.
Suggest another item for future consideration	Government Clean Up- Need to consolidate government and special districts. Aldermen, municipality officials, and township officials are mostly unnecessary. Don't need someone with a political science background in charge of an area. Take a step back on government compensation and payroll and put people in office that are not corrupt.
Natural areas	Need to concentrate in infill development, including food growing, rather than costly infrastructure cutting into natural areas.

Transformed Economy

Human Capital (Screen 4)

Remediation	The area where I live has about 22% low literacy levels for adults.
Community college	The State has made cuts that affect us. Lobby to reinstate needed funding.
Career readiness	Public libraries are also doing a great job with free technology classes. Work with public libraries, too!
Industry partnership	Absolutely critical but most industries are behind the curve on partnering. Look up "social license" with 3 bottom lines for industry. New research on this.
Suggest another item for future consideration	Public Libraries
Suggest another item for future consideration	Public libraries are a great partner to promote job opportunities, training programs, and to host public forums.
Community college	Need career pipelines for all community colleges linked with employers, job clusters and career exploration in schools.

